

Congratulations to Australia Day Awards Recipients

South Gippsland Shire Council would like to congratulate all nominees and recipients recognised at the Australia Day Awards ceremony yesterday.

The annual event acknowledges individuals and community groups that make an outstanding contribution to the South Gippsland community.

The successful nominees were:

- South Gippsland Young Citizen of the Year: Pete Clarkson
- South Gippsland Citizen of the Year: Leatha Peters
- South Gippsland Community Event of the Year: The Heartland Concert (Meeniyan)

A new Australia Day Honour Board has been created by the Meeniyan Men's Shed to recognise the successful nominees. The board is hung in Council Chambers year round for all to see.

On behalf of all Councillors, South Gippsland Shire Mayor Councillor Don Hill congratulated all nominees for their contributions.

"Without community members like these South Gippsland would not be the community that it is today.

"Our community is enriched because of the efforts of all the nominees. Thank you all for your hard work and efforts which make this area such a wonderful place to live," said the Mayor.

The successful Citizen of the Year, Leatha Peters was extremely thankful to receive the award.

"I just want to thank the group that nominated me – I thank you very much. This is a surprise and I really wasn't expecting it.

"I do the things I do because I like to do them. The more I do the busier I am and that's good for me. I wouldn't be able to do this without all the helpers in Mirboo North, all the people I work with are pretty good friends," said Ms Peters.

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